

WINTER ROAD UPDATE MARCH 2011 STATUS

The winter road opened for all traffic up to 50,000 kg (weight of vehicle, passangers, and cargo) on Feb. 7.

Please watch the website as changing conditions will lower weight restrictions.

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WINTER ROAD UPDATE

Open for Business

Although construction got off to a slow start this year, we are happy to report that the weather held up and the Winter Road construction was completed on schedule.

On February 7, 2011 the weight restriction was raised to 50,000 GVW (weight of the vehicle, passangers, and cargo) and ice capping progressed smoothly for each of the sections of road.

Between February 8 and 10, 2011, community meetings were held in Fort Albany and Kashechewan to promote the Winter Road and to gain community feedback. A meeting was also planned for Attawapiskat, but it had to be postponed to a later date.

We hope to see you at events in the future!

Community Connections

Peetabeck Academy: 10 Year Anniversary

Between January 27 and January 30, 2011 the Peetabeck Academy in Fort Albany celebrated its 10 year anniversary celebration. The event was well attended, and many teachers, principals, and education officials participated in the events. Former students enjoyed coming back to the hallways they once roamed and many had not been back since they graduated.

For planning committee member Nicole Reuben, a grade 9 teacher at the school, the winter road was very important to the event's success. Since the event drew many people from across Ontario, holding the anniversary at any other time of the year would have dramatically increased costs. Reuben said that the anniversary was planned for January so that the road would be open to move the food, supplies, and visitors into the community safely.

Attawapiskat Minor Hockey

Tournament

Between February 4-6, 2011 approximately 20-30 vehicles travelled along the winter road to attend the Attawapiskat Minor Hockey Tournament. This event brought teams together from throughout the Mushkegowuk region.

The Kimesskanemenow Corporation is pleased to help provide the winter road each year, and values helping to bring the communities along the James Bay Coast together to celebrate community events and other milestones.

New Road Signs



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Two of the new signs include the "sharp turn" and "chevron" signs which have arrows to point to the direc-

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you will be travelling. These are useful if visibility is poor and to help you stay alert in winding sections of the road.

In some cases there are also new speed advisories posted for curves that are more prone to slippery conditions. (See "30 km/h sign).



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Signs are also being posted to point to areas of high animal activity (see moose crossing), and signs with words such as "buckle up" and "slow down" (not shown) which remind drivers to take safety precautions.

In Ontario you must wear a seat belt at all times, and your vehicle must not go faster than the posted number on the speed limit sign. Reckless driving is not tolerated on the winter road at any time.

For more information on road signs in Ontario, please see: http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/traveller/signs



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